

1. (CANCELLED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window track weep holes of claim 15, wherein the tube comprises at least one of cloth, non-woven spun fabric, plastic, paper, rubber, and metal.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window track weep holes of claim 15, wherein the filling includes at least one of water, gel, polyethylene pellets, pinto beans, flax seed, cotton, polyester, potpourri, and shredded newspaper.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window track weep holes of claim 4, further comprising:
_____ a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter and a predetermined length;
_____ a filling in the tube to fill and shape at least a portion of the tube to substantially conform to a shape of the window track; and

~~_____scenting means, attached to the tube, for receiving a scented oil, such that when the tube is placed in the window track, sunlight releases scent from the scented oil,~~

wherein the scenting means further comprises:

a sewn-in absorbent strip attached to a surface of the tube ~~offor~~ absorbing ~~thea~~ scented oil.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window track weep holes of claim 5 wherein the scenting means further comprises:

an absorbent foam material provided beneath the sewn-in absorbent strip to absorb and hold excess scented oil.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window track weep holes of claim ~~±5~~ wherein the fill material further includes insect repellant chemicals to ward off insects in an active manner.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window track weep holes of claim ~~±5~~, wherein the tube is provided with a reclosable opening to allow a consumer to put potpourri into the tube such that a potpourri scent is released when the tube is placed in a window track.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window track weep holes of claim 1, further comprising:

~~_____ a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter and a predetermined length;~~

~~_____ a filling in the tube to fill and shape at least a portion of the tube to substantially conform to a shape of the window track; and~~

at least one interchangeable slip-cover which may be slid over the tube to change the aesthetic character of the apparatus,

~~_____ wherein the filled tube placed in the window track seals the window track weep holes to prevent pests from intruding into the interior of a building through the window track weep holes.~~

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window track weep holes of claim 1, further comprising:

~~_____ a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter and a predetermined length;~~

~~_____ a filling in the tube to fill and shape at least a portion of the tube to substantially conform to a shape of the window track; and~~

an add-on character figure having a character figure portion representing a predetermined character, and tubular portion slidable over the tube such that when the add-on character figure is displayed in the window when the tube is placed in a window track,

~~_____ wherein the filled tube placed in the window track seals the window track weep holes to prevent pests from intruding into the interior of a building though the window track weep holes.~~

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus to prevent pest intrusion through window track weep holes of claim 15, wherein the tube is sufficiently flexible to be folded back onto itself, and the filler is sufficiently pliant to allow it to be moved within the tube such that if the window track is shorter than tube the filler may be re-distributed to one end of the tube and an empty end of the tube folded onto itself and placed underneath the tube in the open window track.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for preventing pest intrusion through window track weep holes, comprising the steps of:

~~proving~~providing an apparatus comprising a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter substantially the same as the window track and a predetermined length at least as long as the window track,

filling the tube with a filling to fill and shape the tube to ~~substantially~~conform to a shape of the window track, and

placing the filled tube that is placed in the window track to seal the window track weep holes to prevent pests from intruding into the interior of a building though the window track weep holes ~~and the like.~~

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for preventing pest intrusion through window ~~track~~ weep holes of claim ~~12~~15, wherein the tube comprises at least one of cloth, non-woven spun fabric, plastic, paper, rubber, and metal.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for preventing pest intrusion through window ~~track~~ weep holes of claim ~~12~~15, wherein the filling includes at least one of water, gel, polyethylene pellets, pinto beans, flax seed, cotton, polyester, potpourri, and shredded newspaper.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The method for preventing pest intrusion through window ~~track~~ weep holes of claim ~~12~~, further comprising the steps of:

_____ providing an apparatus comprising a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter substantially the same as the window track and a predetermined length at least as long as the window track,

_____ filling the tube with a filling to fill and shape at least a portion of the tube to substantially conform to a shape of the window track,

_____ placing the filled tube in the window track to seal the window track weep holes to prevent pests from intruding into the interior of a building through the window track weep holes, and

placing a scented oil on a predetermined portion of the tube, such that when the tube is placed in the window track, sunlight releases scent from the scented oil.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The method for preventing pest intrusion through window ~~track~~ weep holes of claim ~~12~~15 wherein ~~the~~ step of placing a scented oil on a predetermined portion of the tube comprises the step of placing a scented oil on a sewn-in absorbent strip attached to a surface of the tube for absorbing the scented oil.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for preventing pest intrusion through window ~~track~~ weep holes of claim ~~5~~15 wherein the step of placing a scented oil on a predetermined portion of the tube comprises the step of placing a scented oil on an absorbent foam material provided beneath the sewn-in absorbent strip to absorb and hold excess scented oil.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The method for preventing pest intrusion through window ~~track~~ weep holes of claim ~~12~~comprising the steps of:
_____providing an apparatus comprising a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter substantially the same as the window track and a predetermined length at least as long as the window track,

_____ filling the tube with a filling to fill and shape at least a portion of the tube to substantially conform to a shape of the window track, and

_____ placing the filled tube that is placed in the window track to seal the window track weep holes to prevent pests from intruding into the interior of a building through the window track weep holes,

_____ wherein the fill material filling further includes insect repellent chemicals to ward off insects in an active manner.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The method for preventing pest intrusion through window track weep holes of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

_____ providing an apparatus comprising a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter substantially the same as the window track and a predetermined length at least as long as the window track,

_____ filling the tube with a filling to fill and shape at least a portion of the tube to substantially conform to a shape of the window track,

_____ placing the filled tube that is placed in the window track to seal the window track weep holes to prevent pests from intruding into the interior of a building through the window track weep holes, and

_____ ~~step of~~ placing potpourri into the tube such that a potpourri scent is released when the tube is placed in a window track.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for preventing pest intrusion through window ~~track~~ weep holes of claim ~~12~~15, further comprising the step of placing at least one interchangeable slip-cover over the tube to change the aesthetic character of the ~~method~~apparatus.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method for preventing pest intrusion through window ~~track~~ weep holes of claim ~~12~~, further comprising the steps of:

- _____ providing an apparatus comprising a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter substantially the same as the ~~window track~~ and a predetermined length at least as long as the ~~window track~~,
- _____ filling the tube with a filling to fill and shape at least a portion of the tube to substantially conform to a shape of the ~~window track~~,
- _____ placing the filled tube that is placed in the window track to seal the window track weep holes to prevent pests from intruding into the interior of a building through the window track weep holes, and
- _____ ~~step of~~ attaching an add-on character figure having a character figure portion representing a predetermined character, and tubular portion slidable over the tube such that ~~when~~ the add-on character figure is displayed in the window when the tube is placed in a window track.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~The~~ method for preventing pest intrusion through window ~~track~~ weep holes of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

~~_____ providing an apparatus comprising a flexible tube having a predetermined diameter substantially the same as the window track and a predetermined length at least as long as the window track,~~

~~_____ filling the tube with a filling to fill and shape at least a portion of the tube to substantially conform to a shape of the window track,~~

~~_____ placing the filled tube that is placed in the window track to seal the window track weep holes to prevent pests from intruding into the interior of a building through the window track weep holes,~~

redistributing the filler may be to one end of the tube,

folding an empty end of the tube folded onto itself, and

placing the empty end of the tube underneath the tube in the open window track so that the tube, when folded provides an apparatus substantially the same length as the window track.